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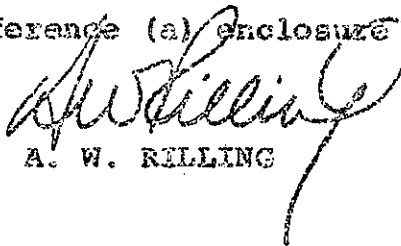
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Encl: (1) USS EVERETT F. LARSON (DD 830) Command History for
period 1 Jan 1969 to 31 Dec 1969.

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is submitted.



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History of USS EVERETT F. LARSON (DD 830)
For Period 1 Jan 1969 to 31 Dec 1969

Part I: Chronology of Outstanding Events:

1. 8-17 January: HUKASWEX 1-69.
2. 3-10 February: HUKASWEX 2-69.
3. 29 February - 5 March: HUKASWEX 3-69.
4. 31 March: Departed for WestPac deployment.
5. 6 April: Ships 24th birthday.
6. 5-15 May: NGFS off Viet Nam.
7. 23-27 May: Manila, R.P. visit.
8. 27 May - 3 June: SEATO Sea Spirit Exercise.
9. 3 June: FRANK E. EVANS Salvage Operation.
10. 19-22 July: Operation with Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force.
11. 28 July - 14 August: COMDESRON 23 flag ship during Seventh Fleet ASW Training Coordinator duties.
12. 22-27 August: Hull repairs in Drydock in Subic Bay, R.P.
13. 1-18 Sep: NGFS off Viet Nam.
14. 20-26 Sep: Hong Kong Visit.
15. 27 Sep: Burial at sea of enlisted man stationed at Subic Bay.
16. 12-16 Oct: NGFS off Viet Nam.
17. 18-24 Oct: Dry dock in Subic Bay, R.P. to replace propellor which had been lost at sea.
18. 29 Oct - 5 Nov: Surveillance of Soviet ships near Equator.
19. 21 Nov: Return to Long Beach after eight month deployment.

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Part II: Basic Narrative

1. Command Organization and Relations

- a. LARSON was commanded during 1969 by Commander A. W. RILLING, USN.
- b. Long Beach Naval Station, Long Beach, California is LARSON's home port.
- c. LARSON's mission was conducting ASW training and Viet Nam support as part of ASW Group ONE.
- d. Personnel assigned as of 31 Dec 69 were 277 enlisted and 16 officers.

2. Operations and activities: EVERETT F. LARSON began calendar year 1969 at her home port. On 4 January she embarked her dependents, for a Family Cruise. The year's first at sea training was HUKASWEX 1-69 from 8-17 January. A maintenance inport period followed this exercise. Her next at sea period was HUKASWEX 2-69 from 3 to 10 February. HUKASWEX 3-69 took LARSON to sea from 29 February to 5 March. LARSON completed the first quarter of calendar 1969 preparing for overseas movement, and in Long Beach Naval Shipyard for boiler repairs. On 31 March 1969 LARSON departed for WestPac with USS SCHOFIELD (DDG 3) in company and joined other units of ASW Group ONE in Pearl Harbor on 4 April. After a week long predeployment ORE LARSON departed on 17 April with ASW Group ONE for Yokosuka, Japan. LARSON's first duties in WestPac were to provide NGFS near DaNang, RVN, from 5 to 15 May. After a short Subic Bay upkeep, including underwater replacement of the port propeller, LARSON anchored in Manila Bay from 23-27 May, in preparation for SEATO Exercise SEA SPIRIT. 27 May to 3 June LARSON participated in SEATO Exercise SEA SPIRIT. On 3 June HMAS Melbourne and USS FRANK E. EVANS collided and LARSON provided emergency assistance and salvage operations on the after half of EVANS hull. A twelve day Subic Bay in port period followed the EVANS disaster. LARSON then provided Yankee Station plane guard services for USS ORISKANY and USS KITTYHAWK from 20 to 30 June. Plane guarding continued into early July followed by an upkeep visit to Kaohsiung, Taiwan on 7 July and a Sasebo visit 17-19 July. The period 19-22 July saw LARSON participate in joint exercises with Japanese Maritime Defense Force Destroyers. LARSON departed the Japan area on 24 July and proceeded to the Tonkin Gulf to assume duties as ASW Training Coordinator Flagship from 28 July to 14 August. During this time LARSON carried the flag of Commander Destroyer Squadron TWENTY-THREE, Captain J. J. DOAK, USN. From the Tonkin Gulf LARSON transited to Kaohsiung where it was learned that a hull crack would require drydocking and she then transited to Subic Bay for repairs.

Leaving the repair facility at Subic Bay on 29 August, LARSON returned to the RVN Coast about 100 miles northeast of Saigon for NGFS of allied operations from 1-15 September. A well deserved R & R visit to Hong Kong from 20-26 September followed. After departing Hong Kong, LARSON underwent upkeep in Subic Bay until 9 October. From Subic Bay she departed for her third NGFS period. On 16 October, while leaving the side of an oiler, LARSON's starboard propeller and part of the starboard shaft dropped off due to material failure. LARSON returned to Subic Bay for a second drydocking from 18 to 24 October. LARSON remained in port at Subic Bay until 25 October when she got underway to join DESRON 23 in Yokosuka for the homeward transit. Enroute to Okinawa for a fuel stop, LARSON was diverted for surveillance of three Soviet ships, including a submarine, in the Guam area. LARSON proceeded with the Soviet units to within 15 miles of the equator. She was then detached by CTF 34 and proceeded via Kwajalein to rendezvous with the other units of DESRON 23 in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. LARSON returned to her home port in Long Beach, California on 21 November. The remainder of 1969 was spent in post-deployment stand down and a TAV with USS TELS ROYALE from 12-17 December.

3. Special Topics

a. Operational Statistics:

- (1) DASH hours flown (Day/night): 28.2/20.9.
- (2) Ammunition expended for NGFS/exercise: 1550/381.
- (3) Number of underway replenishments by day and night: 27/14.

b. Performance of material and weapons systems, including engineering: Considered satisfactory even though it was hampered by an extended period between overhaul cycle and short maintenance periods during deployment. No new equipment was installed in LARSON.

c. Developments in tactics, doctrine, or command and control systems: LARSON participated in JTF-7B Exercises with ASW Group ONE.

d. Major intelligence collected: Surveillance of Soviet vessels 29 October to 5 November revealed information forwarded in CO LARSON letter #431 ser 007 of 12 November 1969.

e. Communications including volume of traffic and special problems: Satisfactory. Traffic average 520 messages per week with no special problems.

f. Supply and logistics: Satisfactory.

g. Casualties of men and equipment:

(1) Personnel: 63 reported injuries and 31 hospitalizations.

(2) Engineering: Heat damage to number three boiler; hull crack; and lost starboard propeller.

h. Personnel:

(1) Manning level: averaged 18 officers and 270 enlisted.

(2) Reenlistment rate: 24.2% (33 eligible - 8 reenlisted)

(3) Legal matters: None outstanding.

i. Community relations and civic activity: Project Hand-clasp material delivered to USIA in Kaohsiung and Project Headstart tour in Long Beach.

j. Awards and commendations received: Four personnel received Navy Commendation Medals, eighteen personnel received Navy Achievement Medals, and one enlisted man received the White Hat Award (a Long Beach area businessmen's award).

k. Oceanographic or port surveys: The Navy Hydrographic Office sent a letter of appreciation for LARSON's report of several chart inaccuracies, noted during WestPac deployment.

l. Notable Records or facts: LARSON was recognized as instrumental in the salvage of the hulk of USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) in June.

m. Articles relating to the command: Pictures and stories concerning LARSON appeared in ALL HANDS, VIGILANCE, and NAVY TIMES.

n. Congratulatory messages:

(1) Soviet Surveillance: COMASWFORPAC 150317ZNOV69;
COMCRUDESFLT THREE 110133ZNOV69; COMSEVENTHFLT 090148ZNOV69;
COMCRUDESPAC 080214ZNOV69.

Part III: Documentary Annex

1. Organization Chart

Commanding Officer	CDR A. W. RILLING, USN
Executive Officer	LCDR N. D. ELLINGSON, USN
Departments:	
<u>Operations:</u>	
CIC	LT J. R. BURKHART, USN
Communications	LTJG E. J. LYNCH, USN
EMO	LTJG G. A. WELTER, USN
Navigator/Personnel	LTJG G. A. WELTER, USN
	ENS R. C. ITTNER, USNR
<u>Weapons</u>	LTJG J. R. FOX, USN
Gunnery	ENS B. J. ROOT, USNR
ASW	ENS W. E. MCGEE, Jr., USN
DASH	ENS W. A. HASTINGS, USNR
1st Lieutenant	LTJG J. R. FOX, USN
1st Division	LTJG J. R. FOX, USN
<u>Engineering</u>	LT J. R. HOUGH, USN
MPA	ENS S. R. EVANS, USN
DCA	ENS D. E. HARRELL, USN
Electrical Officer	LTJG K. P. BRYANT, USN
R Division	LTJG T. C. KUEHN, USNR
<u>Supply</u>	LTJG R. E. DURMAN, USNR

ABBOTT, M.A. BT3 B81 21 27	DIPALO, R.M. BT2 B41 03 59
ABLOG, E.A. TN B96 02 29	DIVEGLIA, D.G. SA B44 92 27
ALTENBURG, T.E. BT3 B84 24 21	DIZON, D.D. TN 776 93 56
ANDERSON, G.V. FA B15 31 98	DOLAN, D.C. BTFN B84 12 24
ANDERSON, R.A. SA B46 06 04	DONNELLY, R.W. SN B53 29 36
ANDERSON, L.W. GMG2 490 16 06	DRAKE, T.A. CS2 354 38 39
AREA, J.W. FN B59 24 34	DOUGHERTY, D.R. SK3 B51 95 98
ARGO, S.E. QM3 B62 94 50	DUNAJSKI, J.A. SA B56 48 07
AUBERT, C.J. FA B64 29 22	DUBOIS, J.D. SA B17 56 33
BAKARA, F.G., BT3 B59 06 82	EBERLEY, A.E. SN B59 57 56
BALDONADO, R.B. SN B96 21 37	ELDER, C.E. SA B55 90 85
BARTLETT, D.D. BT1 331 80 12	ELLISON, J.H. MML 516 06 41
BEDNAR, J.S. SA B55 40 93	ERONSON, B.L. EM3 B89 94 50
BEDWELL, K.J. MM3 679 42 85	ERVIN, W.A. SKC 672 28 22
BERNIER, R.E. BM3 B11 40 84	FACENDOLA, J. NMN SA B17 84 09
BIALLECKI, J.S. SA B55 40 08	FICKLE, J.R. EMCS 318 44 39
BIJOU, W.S. MM3 915 47 65	FAIETTA, J.L. SA B14 83 01
BILLINGS, R.L. MMC 515 54 11	FINCH, C.L. FA B64 29 49
BLANIAR, A.J. RMC 473 61 19	FISICARO, M.A. ETR3 B61 82 15
BOND, F.R. ETC 478 06 87	FLORENCE, R.L. CS1 389 89 06
BOSSUET, D.V. YNC 758 34 76	FORD, E.H. STG2 695 75 44
BREMER, E.W. FTG2 B61 14 57	FOSTER, G.L. SA B17 21 95
BRISCOE, D.L. RD3 B72 05 54	FRANK, V.R. ATN3 B42 33 12
BROWN, P.B. RMSA B86 42 37	FRISQUE, A.R. FN B55 36 58
BROWN, R.G. SN B30 72 82	GARRETT, G.M. BM3 B81 15 32
BROUSSARD, J.R. FN B71 94 79	GAST, D.A. SA B85 85 09
BRUDVIK, J.R. SA B85 85 78	GERHARD, J.H. RD3 B41 17 69
BRUNER, M.J. IC3 B62 74 28	GIBSON, C.R. ETL 774 33 76
BUCKLES, S.R. SN B62 21 57	GLINA, E.S. TN B96 57 83
CAMPBELL, D.C. MMFN B48 76 93	GLIPONEO, A.T. SD3 476 19 67
CAVANESS, D.H. BM2 B60 18 65	GOODWIN, A.E. SA B55 35 74
CHAMPINE, T.M. SM2 B40 36 03	GOUIN, J.E. RD3 B11 40 80
CLOSAS, H.M. TN 776 89 13	GRAMMER, T.B. FN B63 53 41
COLLINS, H.B. BT3 B42 27 83	GRANT, J.R. QMC 900 27 13
CONNORS, W.E. III RDSA B16 94 35	GREENSIDE, C.L. STG3 B64 34 03
COOPER, S.D. RD3 B62 88 25	GUERRERO, R.V. RD1 493 02 14
CORBIN, R.A. BT3 B82 49 88	HADON, E.L. SA B16 83 61
CORSON, J.M. ADJ3 B52 38 11	HAMILTON, T.A. STL 998 36 03
COX, C.B. BT1 533 99 31	HAM, V.M. SN 793 93 76
COZORT, R.H. YN3 B31 85 11	HAMMER, K.J. BTFA B93 15 09
CRABB, C.R. BT3 B81 30 28	HANKE, F.E. III SA B17 13 11
COWAN, R.G. GMGC 522 37 69	HANKINS, J.D. Jr. RM3 521 05 90
CRAIG, W.W. SN B48 49 06	HAYES, J.W. FN B38 83 75
DARBY, T.A. SMEA B85 92 70	HARVEY, A.B. RM3 B30 26 46
DAVIS, J.E. ETR2 674 37 83	HAYES, M.K. MM3 B52 45 18
DAVIS, L.G. BTFN B93 04 49	HARRIS, T.V. GMG2 532 28 16
DEARING, D.C. SH1 516 67 54	HELMSTETTER, T.E. SH3 B63/65 27
DEANGELIS, L.M. RD3 B42 19 63	HEMPEL, D.N. RDSN B83 09 57
DEMASO, A.V. SA B17 52 60	HESSTAND, F.J. MM3 B81 57 75
DEVORE, C.L. CS3 B51 79 36	HEWITT, D.K. FA B84 29 90
DIAZ, B. NMN SA B17 13 00	HICKS, B.J. MMCS 458 17 68
DIAZ, V.R. SA B17 21 06	HILTON, C.F. Jr. STG2 917 56 46
DIBENEDETTO, P.S. SA B16 98 00	HOFFMAN, C.J. SA B17 48 56

HOFFMAN, J.L. EN3 B15 34 77
 HOLCOMB, A.J. BT3 B96 52 31
 HOOL, T.R. SMI 973 72 53
 HOOVER, F.A. ST1 427 78 65
 HUGHES, B.E. CSC 281 81 75
 HUTTON, R.E. FN B85 41 26
 INGELS, J.C. SN B55 90 99
 JAMES, D.W. MM2 352 73 80
 JAMES, K.R. PC3 B88 52 68
 JENKS, A.E. STCS 303 32 33
 JOHNSON, D.L. SA B64 30 18
 JOHNSON, M.H. SA B46 06 03
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 KERR, G.J., SA B17 76 91
 KNOBLOCK, D.A. FTGSN B53 22 54
 KOCH, J.R. SN B55 33 91
 KUEHN, S.K. FN B59 13 44
 LANTZ, A.R. SA B55 35 56
 LEMIEUX, P.J. EM3 B14 27 58
 LENTZ, G.L. SA B85 79 39
 LEVINE, N NMN RMC 499 71 40
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 LINN, T.R. ETR3 B70 55 03
 LIPE, J.C. BT2 588 84 75
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 LOVITT, D.A. PC3 B58 94 94
 LOYOLA, P.A. TN 777 03 54
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 MAGISTRO, A.R. RM2 B11 16 52
 MANNING, B.G. YNSN B51 53 52
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 NEVILLE, J.G. MM2 547 47 26
 NOE, J.R. ETN3 B58 15 59
 NORBERG, K.W. STG2 390 51 77
 NORELIUS, J.P. MM3 391 41 06
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 REITZ, H.A. BTCS 280 70 92
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 ROSARIO, J.V. SD1 467 23 87
 RUSSELL, G. NMN BM3 B11 19 49
 RUSSO, D.T. TMSN B38 31 95
 SAFRANEK, E.T. SA B55 90 52
 SANDEFUR, J.A. QMSN B85 98 48
 SCERE, B.T. SMSA B45 98 27
 SETTLE, A.G. SN B38 29 48
 SHAW, L.E. BT1 442 91 16

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 SISK, D.W. GMG3 B38 35 88
 SKELTON, G.E. RD3 B83 40 63
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 SMITH, R.E. SA B85 85 30
 SNYDER, W.C. ET1 332 87 76
 SPANGLER, L.D. BT3 B63 53 76
 STANTON, P.J. SK2 B10 59 63
 STERN, C.C. FTGSN B64 60 12
 STEDER, D.L. ETN3 B63 01 08
 STEWART, W.S. STG3 B17 41 73
 STEVENSON, R.L. SA B45 85 05
 STOCHNER, R.A. SN B38 58 46
 STROUP, D.C. BT3 B81 79 24
 SWITZENBERG, K.D. FM B59 12 66
 TABOR, D.N. ETN3 B22 04 25
 TERRUSA, R. NMN QM3 B11 08 37
 THACHER, P.S. III STG3 B88 48 35
 TOBIAS, J.F. Jr. SN B38 52 30
 TORRES, J.F. SN B81 50 32
 TONEY, L.H. DC2 B81 83 87
 TRUAX, P.R. MMC 514 41 65
 TURNER, M.M. EM3
 TWEITEN, L.E. FA B93 14 69
 UHLMAN, C.S. SN B85 08 08
 VALES, R.A. SK1 455 15 22

VANCE, P.H. BTFN B82 23 03
 VASQUEZ, D. NMN SK1 B42 81 92
 VIPTONE, D.J. FTG2 B50 69 41
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 WADE, W.E. SN B38 77 25
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 WALKER, W.E. SN 788 54 72
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 YONKER, C.J. IC2 B41 57 02

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Encl: (1) Salvage and Recovery Operations at sea aboard the USS
FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) on 3 June 1969
(2) Twenty photographs taken during salvage operations

1. Enclosure (1) contains a summary of Salvage and Recovery Operations conducted on board USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) by members of the LARSON Salvage and Recovery team.

2. It is felt this information may be useful in follow-up press releases concerning the collision.


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Salvage and Recovery Operations Aboard
USS FRANK E. EVANS (DD 754) on 3 June 1969

An Emergency Salvage and Recovery Team from the USS EVERETT F. LARSON (DD 830) went aboard the slowly sinking after half of USS FRANK E. EVANS shortly after 5 AM on 3 June 1969. Their orders were to survey the damage and if possible to prevent the remaining half of the ship from sinking to allow recovery of the valuable equipment and records on board.

Moving rapidly from compartment to compartment the team found that damage in this half of the ship was not severe behind the bulkheads ripped out at the point of impact. They found slow, but steady, progressive flooding which if not controlled would very shortly sink EVANS. Acting quickly, the team rigged emergency pumps to drain flooding compartments and at the same time began patching and plugging the numerous small leaks which were causing the flooding.

The officer-in-charge of the team realized that removal of the flooding water to keep the ship afloat was causing an even more potentially dangerous situation-in-stability, that is; a tendency for EVANS to capsize due to becoming top-heavy. Part of the team was put to work removing topside weight. Within a matter of minutes about 5 tons of weight was jettisoned by cutting loose a large ventilation fan motor, a loading machine used for training gun crews, a damaged boat davit, and the ships motor whale boat (which was later recovered by personnel from USS JAMES E. KYES (DD 787)). A considerable amount of other smaller material was also jettisoned. Since EVANS was only half a ship the salvage team had to rely on estimates and "feel" to determine stability. Pumping was continued until all intact compartments were dry and patches were installed for leaks previously below the surface.

When it was established that the danger of sinking or capsizing was past the USS LARSON came alongside and tied up to the EVANS. Additional personnel were brought aboard EVANS to remove personnel records, correspondence files, personal property and classified documents. Earlier, the salvage team had located and removed the ship's diaries which would positively establish who was on board at the time of the collision so that all personnel could be accounted for. EVANS' supply officer came on board and removed the ships funds amounting to more than \$100,000.

Meanwhile the Salvage team began cleaning up, eliminating fire hazards and other potential dangers. Weapons specialists had already gone through the magazines checking all ammunition.

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Towing hawsers were rigged and LARSON was prepared to take EVANS in tow, if required. However, during the afternoon USS TAWASA (ATF 96) an ocean-going tug especially rigged for towing came alongside LARSON to take over salvage operations. In addition, salvage experts from Subic Bay came aboard to insure that EVANS was ready for the long trip to Subic Bay. These experts verified that the LARSON Salvage Team had done an outstanding job of making EVANS waterfight and ready for towing. At 6:15PM 3 June 1969 the Commanding Officer of TAWASA took charge of EVANS and LARSON departed the scene.

The LARSON Salvage and Recovery Team consisted of the following:

Officer-in-Charge: Lieutenant James R. HOUGH, USN, Chief Engineer of LARSON

Damage Control Assistant of LARSON: Lieutenant (junior grade) Frank S. WOODS

Senior Chief Machinists Mate Billy J. HICKS of Seattle, Washington

Chief Ship fitter Max E. SCWALD of Long Beach, California

Chief Boiler tender Harry N. ALEXANDER of Long Beach, California

Machinist Mate first class James H. ELLISON of Long Beach, California

Machine Repairman first class Billy WOODRUFF of Oak Harbor, Washington